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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to no longer keep English as compulsory for appearing in engineering is under consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to make available the books of international level and that look at affordable prices in Hindi including other Indian languages for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of students likely to be benefitted therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. Vallabhbhai Kathiria)

(a) & (b): There is no requirement of English as a compulsory subject for admission to engineering programmes as per AICTE Guidelines and Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) - IIT Guidelines.

(c) & (d): There is a proposal to formulate a scheme which will ensure supply of quality engineering text books at reasonable prices for engineering students. Initially, this is likely to benefit more than 10 lakh students in the core disciplines at the undergraduate level in engineering.